

See original Claim 14 for thermal and/or non-thermal dehydrating. See original Claim 15 for non-thermal dehydration by solvent extracting or by freeze drying, original Claim 16 for the use of hydrophilic solvent, original Claim 18 for the use of a hydrophilic solvent which forms an azeotrope with water, and original Claim 19 for an alcohol as the azeotropic solvent.

See original Claim 21 for the heating temperature of about 120-180°C and heating time of up to about 20 hours. See the disclosure at page 15, lines 13-15 for the heating time of up to 5 hours. The relevant text reads "...the time ranges from 1 to 20 hours, typically 2 to 5 hours, usually 3.5 to 4.5 hours.

See original Claim 31 for the simultaneous dehydrating and heat treating in a fluidized bed.

See original Claim 5 for the general starch classes and original Claim 6 for the specific starches.

See original Claim 24 for the additional step of extracting the heat-treated starch with an organic solvent to improve the flavor and/or color. See original Claim 24 for the use of ethanol as the organic solvent to effect the flavor and/or color improvement.

See original Claim 26 for the washing step and original Claims 27-30 for the protein and/or lipid removal step.

No new matter is presented. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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